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## Boers May Rebel.

Karl Von Boeckman, formerly of Johannesburg, South Africa, and now traveling in this country, does not believe that South Africa will be under British domination over ten years at the outside. Mr. Von Boeckman says: "The Transvaal, Natal, the Orange Free State, as it was called of yore, and Cape Colony, will at no distant day form a federation and become as free of English control as Canada now is. I spent most of my life in South Africa, but after the war with England could never be contented to live there. It is a good land naturally and would become populous and rich but for the way the capitalistic combine which owns the Kimberley diamond field and the gold mines contrives to shut off development of native resources and to exclude foreigners who might come in and build up the country. The selfish and grasping combine does not look to the general welfare, but seeks only its private ends. It does all it can to keep the outside world from coming into any of this territory, which it now dominates and hopes to dominate for all time to come."

## The Pope's Significant Orders.

The papal carriages, with the armorial bearings of Pius IX., were not interfered with by Leo XIII., who never had any occasion to use them outside the Vatican. Now, however, much to the surprise of the officials, Pius X. has ordered that his own escutcheon shall replace that of Pius IX. on the vehicles, a significant fact pointing to the intention of the present pontiff to drive some day through the streets of Rome. Another equally suggestive incident is the admission of Sig. Della Rovere, a musical composer, to an audience of the pope, though he was seen to be wearing the badge of the crown of Italy on his breast.

## Anglo-French Amenities.

The era of good feeling between France and England begun by the visit of King Edward to Paris and President Loubet to London will not languish through want of efforts to keep it alive. French deputies have visited London and the London chamber of commerce has visited Paris, and many were the dinners and speeches that marked the occasion. Now Jules Claretie would have England send to Paris her representative literary men, artists and actors. He would have Herbert Spencer or Swinburne preside at a banquet in Paris at which the most representative men of France were the hosts. It is possible that something in this line may be done in the late spring.

## American Interest in Chinese.

Professor Frederick Hirth, who holds the Dean Lung chair of Chinese at Columbia University, says that interest in the study of China's language throughout the United States is rapidly on the increase. Although this is only the second year of the Chinese school at Columbia, the number of students registered has become so great as to tax the present facilities. There is a great demand for lectures on Chinese subjects in New York and elsewhere. The Columbia library

has secured a copy of the cyclopaedia Tu-Shue-Tsi-Ch' Ong, consisting of more than 500 native volumes, as a gift from the Chinese government and has had these bound in European style. It is, outside of certain cereals, the most voluminous print ever published in the world. Its translation into English would, Professor Hirth calculates, furnish no fewer than 100 volumes of the size of Appleton's cyclopaedia.

## Japan Sells Railway Stock.

Japan has entered upon an economical experiment which is novel and interesting. The government owns the railways and is going to take the public into partnership. The departments of finance and communications have at last decided on the plan of converting government railways into a joint stock undertaking. All the existing government railways and the properties attached to them will be assigned, and the government will hold the shares representing them while the public will be invited to subscribe the cost required for repairs to existing lines and for the construction of new ones, a sum estimated at about \$35,000,000, out of a capital of some \$140,000,000. It will be observed that the government remains the majority holder, so state ownership is continued.

## A Typical Guide Gone.

Many frequenters of the Upper Saranac region in the Adirondacks will learn with regret of the death of John Wesley Wood on Friday last from heart disease, at the camp of Dr. Ward, of which he had been in charge for many years. Mr. Wood was a fine type of the old-time independent Adirondack guide—native born, intelligent, shrewd, strong, kindly and wise in all the lore of the forest and waters, a master with the rifle, rod, paddle, axe and "cooking kit." Mr. Wood had been a guide for thirty years, and served Grover Cleveland when the latter was at Saranac Inn.

## Circus Performer Lived 101 Years.

Mrs. Marie Figrum Harrison died in Brooklyn a few days ago, aged 101. In her day she was a famous circus performer, and had been the pet of dukes and duchesses of England. She was the daughter of a bootmaker to George III. Tom Thumb was introduced to the public under the management of her husband, John W. B. Harrison. Half a century ago she was known over a great portion of this country in connection with circuses. Before the days of railroads she traveled on horseback in what was then the West.

## Pint of Heat Sufficient.

With the advent of really cold weather comes the usual howl against refrigerator cars. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company is getting its usual large portion of abuse. What the guards term a "pint of heat" is turned into the cars each morning. Employees who tried to supply cars with extra "pints" have been taken to task by their superiors. One employee who felt sympathy for the passengers turned on "three pints" one morning. The next day he was called to the "office" and things happened to him.

## A Tall Story From London.

A New Yorker who is now in London declares that one of the greatest pleasures here is the number of people who speak English. The London Chronicle, home his grocer comes from Holland, his butcher is a native of Brazil, his chemist is an Alsatian, his chef is a German, his valet was born in Tokio, his servants are Irish and Swedish, his coachman is a Cuban, his barber comes from Trieste, and his fruiterer from Southern Italy. A few months ago, when he had to call in a doctor suddenly to attend to one of his servants, a Persian answered the summons. He is clothed by a Cockney, has a Canadian for a business partner, and expects to be buried by a Scotchman.

## Mabel McKinley's Benefaction.

Mabel McKinley Baer, niece of the late President McKinley, has offered \$25,000 toward establishing a free conservatory of music in New York city and will give her own services entirely free of charge as one of the instructors.

## King Teaching Agriculture.

King Alfonso of Spain is giving his subjects lessons in agriculture. He wants to show to them that by the application of modern methods and which for centuries has been held to be barren can be made to yield profitable crops. For this purpose he has selected 700 hectares of his poorest land and has procured machinery of the latest type. Nearly every day he drives out to inspect the work accompanied by the minister of the exterior Count San Bernardo, who is said to be more of an agriculturist than a diplomatist.

## New Sort of Paris Duel.

Paris has devised a new mode of dueling for young women whose feelings have been ruffled. Two such recently decided that their honor demanded a duel. Having no weapons conveniently at hand, ingenuity came to the rescue. Each took off a stocking and filled it with sand. At last accounts the vanquished was reported in a hospital dying.

## Republicans' Long Mastery.

The house of representative which has just assembled is the fifth in succession that has been controlled by the republicans, a length of party mastery that has not been equalled for more than a quarter of a century. When the republican went out of power in the house in 1875 they had been in control for fourteen years. Since then no party has had more than six years of power, and the republicans never more than two years at a time until the present period of preponderance. Mr. Cannon's twenty-eight years of congressional service have been equally divided between republican and democratic congresses.

## Greenland Thawing Out.

The ice in Greenland is melting more rapidly than it is formed. Comparison of the descriptions of the Jacobshaven glacier shows that its edge has receded eight miles since 1850, and it has lost twenty or thirty feet in depth.

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